

Have You Selected that Christmas Piano

One of The Cable temporary branch Stores was closed out a short while ago and the entire stock of Pianos, Organs and Musical Instruments was moved to Richmond for THE GREAT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE. This is the third week of the great sale, and our entire stock, embracing over \$200,000 worth of Pianos, Organs and Musical Instruments must be disposed of by December 24th. Every Piano of the famous Cable line is represented here—Mason & Hamlin, Conover, Cable, Kingsbury, Wellington and DeKoven. Every one is fully guaranteed, and the only difference from our general custom is that we are selling them at from 10 to 30 per cent. less than then can be bought for at any other time. We strongly recommend that you buy a Piano now, because, frankly, we do not think there will ever be a better opportunity. Don't delay; buy to-day, and we will deliver it Christmas Eve, if you desire, as a holiday surprise.

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A carload of Victor Talking Machines, from the Victor Juniors At \$10 to the \$100 Machines, and the Victor Victrola at \$400. 10,000 of the latest Records.

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1 used Booth Bros. \$300 Upright now	\$148
1 used \$300 Booth Bros Upright now	\$200
1 used \$300 Waters Upright now	\$125
1 used \$325 Halleck & Davis Upright now	\$125
1 used \$600 Knabe Upright now	\$275
1 used \$400 Imperial Upright now	\$135
1 used \$400 Fischer Upright now	\$125
24 used \$600 Conover Uprights	\$300 to \$400
18 used \$400 Kingsbury Uprights now	\$255
22 used \$375 Kingsbury Uprights now	\$234
16 used \$224 Kingsbury Uprights now	\$350
11 used \$450 Cable Uprights now	\$298
9 used \$450 Cable Uprights now	\$298
12 used \$250 DeKoven Uprights now	\$198
23 used \$300 Wellington Uprights now	\$248
18 used \$275 Wellington Uprights now	\$212
9 used \$275 Wellington Uprights now	\$190

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SPECIAL.

New Upright Pianos for \$150

Several carloads of splendid new Uprights, ordered especially for our Xmas trade, now on sale at \$150. Guaranteed full size and standard make. Best bargain for money ever offered.

Guitars, Mandolins, Violins, Banjos, Accordions, Sheet Music, &c.

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Music Rolls, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$3.00.

The Cable Company.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

HAMPERED BY FEDERAL LAWS

Immigration Scheme in Virginia Much Retarded on This Account, Koerner Says.

CANNOT PAY THE WAY OF MEN

This Is More Serious Handicap Than Inhibition Against Making Contracts.

Although Commissioner of Agriculture George W. Koerner is making better progress now than heretofore in the matter of securing immigrants for farm labor, he still finds himself considerably hampered by the stringent Federal statutes on the subject. There are two sections which militate strongly against the importation of foreign labor to this country, though one handicaps Mr. Koerner and his agents far more than the other. One provides against the making of contracts with the would-be immigrants in their own country, and the other inhibits the payment of the transportation, either by the State or the persons here who desire the labor.

Mr. Koerner says the section relating to contracts does not interfere so much with the getting of farm labor, for while he and his agents have studiously avoided anything like a contract or in any way violating the law, yet they are permitted under the act to state the usual prices that are paid for farm work in Virginia.

But he finds his greatest stumbling block in the inhibition against the payment of transportation by the State or the future employer here, as the average farm laborer in foreign countries does

not accumulate enough to pay his way to the United States. The Federal statutes with reference to immigration are carefully guarded, and have been amended and re-amended by Congress until as to many classes of labor they have become almost prohibitory in their operation.

The Vital Section.

Here is the vital inhibition which is in Section 2: "That the following classes of aliens shall be excluded from admission into the United States: * * * Those who have been within one year from the date of their application for admission to the United States reported as being under official investigation, promises, or agreements to perform labor or service of some kind therein; and also any person whose ticket or passage is paid for with the money of some other person, or who is assisted by others to come, unless it is affirmatively and satisfactorily shown that such person does not belong to one of the foregoing excluded classes; but this section shall not be held to prevent persons living in the United States from sending for a relative or friend who is not of the foregoing excluded classes; provided, that nothing in this act shall exclude persons convicted of an offense purely political, not involving moral turpitude. And provided further, that skilled labor may be imported, if labor of like kind unemployed can not be found in this country; And provided further, that the provisions of this law applicable to contract labor shall not be held to exclude professional actors, artists, lecturers, singers, ministers of any religious denomination, professors for colleges or seminaries, persons belonging to any recognized learned profession, or persons employed strictly as personal or domestic servants."

As to Advertisements.

Section 4 of the act reads as follows: "That it shall be unlawful and be deemed a violation of section 4 of this act to assist or encourage the importation or migration of any alien by a promise of employment through advertisements printed and published in any foreign country; and any alien coming to this country in consequence of such an advertisement shall be treated as coming under a promise or agreement as contemplated in section 2 of this act, and the penalties imposed by section 3 of this act shall be applicable to such a case. Provided, that this section shall not apply to States or Territories, the District of Columbia, or places subject to the jurisdiction of the United States advertising the inducements they offer for immigration thereto, respectively."

Having Strong Help.

Mr. Koerner is having the co-operation and sympathy of a great many people in the State who are interested in getting new farm labor in Virginia, and among these is Mr. M. Y. Richards, land and immigration agent of the Southern Railway.

Mr. Richards was at the department yesterday, and held a long conference with the commissioner.

Mr. Koerner has recently attended a conference of farmers at Danville, and the meeting developed much enthusiasm on the subject of immigration. A movement was set on foot to employ agents, in addition to those already working now on the part of the State, to go into foreign countries to interest farm laborers, and the farmers composing this meeting and many others in Virginia would be glad if they had the opportunity to pay the expenses of the men to this country.

Mr. Koerner has recently received a number of Danish and English farm hands, and he promptly located them all in good homes. He has on the other hand, who are expected shortly. Among those now on the water are Swedes, Englishmen, Danes and Norwegians. In discussing the subject of immigration last night, Mr. Koerner said that

the action of the Danish minister at Washington, in advising his people against coming to Virginia when he had 200 about ready to embark at Denmark, had given him a great deal of trouble, and had prevented his having this large number here by this time, in addition to those that have already come.

May Change Mind.

He went to the National Capital, however, and had a long talk with the minister, who he hopes will result in the latter's changing his views. Mr. Koerner had with him a former citizen of the minister's country, who is doing well in Virginia, and who praised the advantages of the State. He has also forwarded a large number of strong testimonials from the same class, and he hopes that out of it all good results will come, and that he will at least have no more trouble along this line. Taking all things into consideration, Mr. Koerner thinks the Virginia immigration scheme is going along as well as could be expected, and he asserts that he is deeply interested in the work and is doing all in his power to make it a success. He points out that it is in the infancy; that it was only started by the last Legislature, and that only \$10,000 was appropriated to get the movement established and kept it up for two years.

Mr. Koerner says that South Carolina has been making liberal appropriations for immigration for years, and that the Louisiana appropriation of \$25,000 a year for this purpose at the last meeting of the General Assembly of that State.

EVERYBODY OUT WHILE OTHERS WERE KEPT IN

Vain Hope to Avoid Crowds Resulted in Jamming Broad-Street Stores Yesterday.

Through the pouring rain and mud and slush yesterday the tireless Christmas shoppers plodded in futile attempts to get presents for the whole family while "the other people" were kept in by the rain. This opinion, however, was false. The streets were not filled as usual by the shoppers, but the stores were, and it was a hard matter to secure standing room in many of them. As is usual about this time of the year, the clerks wear that "wish-I-was-at-home" expression, due to incessant questions and hard work, and get the sympathy of everybody except the lady who can't find what she wants.

Yesterday on the streets was as gloomy as is possible in this city of the Sunny South, and everybody wore a look of saturation that can come only from long exposure to the elements. The streets, from much tracking, were covered with the mud of the gutter, and skirts dragged in it until they became a source of irritation to the wearers. The clerks got the benefit of the irritation when they refused to mark down.

Altogether yesterday was a dreary day for the shopper and clerk, and when the evening approached both sections of the community were glad of it.

BIG RAILWAY CRANE INJURES YOUNG MAN

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SPANGLER, N. D., December 17.—Arthur Sweet, aged eighteen years, an electric crane man in the Southern Railway shops here, was painfully injured by a crane here to-night. The young man was carried in the giant machine high in the air. His injuries will not prove fatal.

FIRST BAPTIST TO BUILD ANNEX

Church Decides at Annual Meeting on Scheme for Enlargement.

WILL BEGIN WORK SHORTLY

Will Extend Building to Twelfth Street and Make It Practically New.

A handsome addition, which will cost about \$12,000, is to be made to the First Baptist Church as a result of an enthusiastic meeting of the membership held last night, and the work is to be commenced at an early date. The plan calls for an annex on the Twelfth Street side, which will carry the building out to the street, and at the same time harmonize with the architecture of the present structure.

It was the annual meeting of the church, and it was largely attended, as it was known the matter of enlarging the building would come up for consideration.

The subject had not been under advisement long before every one seemed to become interested, and when the meeting was over it had been determined to spend \$12,000 and to make the building a most beautiful and convenient one. The matter of remodeling and adding to the church has been under consideration for a long time, and as far back as five years ago the Young Men's Society was authorized to consider and report on a proposition to build an annex on the Twelfth Street side, not to exceed \$2,500 in cost.

Had Plans Ready.

Last night the young men came forward with plans and specifications, and instead of confining the movement to one society, it was decided that the entire church should take hold of it and press it to a speedy conclusion. A resolution was adopted authorizing the pastor to name a building committee, which he will do at once, and all reasonable speed will be adopted in constructing the proposed annex.

There will be three rooms on the lower floor, which can be thrown into one, and this will be used for Sunday-school purposes. The main floor of the church will be lowered twenty-one inches and concrete put in instead of plank. On the second floor will be the pastor's study and other rooms, and the main floor of the church will be enlarged with the rest of the space.

The old part of the building will be thoroughly renovated and repaired, and when the work shall have been completed to all intents and purposes it will be a new church.

MARRIAGE IN RICHMOND NOW MADE PUBLIC

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BALTIMORE, MD., December 17.—The friends of Miss Lillian Rosenblatt, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Rosenblatt, of this city, were surprised to-day to learn of her wedding to Mr. Joseph Solomon, of Richmond. The wedding took place December 24 in Richmond, where Miss Rosenblatt was the guest of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Solomon will live in Richmond.

HIS SHIP GROUNDS, HE KILLS HIMSELF

The Victoria Louise, of Hamburg-American Line, Ashore Off Port Royal.

PASSENGERS SAFELY LANDED

Steamer Resting on Rocky Ledge, But May Be Saved, Though the Seas Are Breaking Over Her.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, December 17.—The Hamburg-American line tourist steamer Prinzessin Victoria Louise, from New York December 12 for this port, went ashore last night off Port Royal while on her way back to New York. The passengers were landed here safely to-day.

Captain Brunsawig, who was in charge of the Victoria Louise when she struck, committed suicide by blowing out his brains in his cabin. The German cruiser Bremen has gone to the assistance of the stranded steamer, and the French training ship Duguay-Trouin is preparing to leave port with the same object in view.

The Victoria Louise is pounding heavily and the seas are breaking over her, but hopes are still entertained that she will be saved. She is resting on a rocky ledge.

In accounting for the stranding of the steamer it is explained that she was without a pilot and the captain was in charge. He followed a wrong course and piled her up on the rocks just under the light-house. Two hours later the captain looked himself in his cabin and blew out his brains. The officers of the ship and the German Consul here made ineffectual efforts to bust up the news of the tragedy. The local police are arranging to take charge of the body and perform an autopsy. The body probably will be sent to New York for burial.

When the Victoria Louise ran on the rocks the sea was calm, the present heavy weather coming up later. The passengers were thrown into a state of panic and great confusion prevailed until it was learned that there was no immediate danger. The officers succeeded in restoring order, and the transfer of the passengers to Kingston was effected without accident.

SHOOTS MAN DOWN AT HIS OWN DOORSTEP

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) AMELIA COURTHOUSE, VA., December 17.—Armistead Hayes (colored) is under arrest for killing William Rowlett, also colored. The arrest was made by Sheriff Coleman and Constable Featherstone for safe-keeping. Evidence before the coroner showed that Hayes was mistreating his wife, who went to Rowlett's house for protection. About dark Rowlett heard an unusual noise back of his house, and with his lantern went out to investigate. He just reached the back of the house when he was shot through the heart with an old musket. He died instantly. Hayes escaped, but was caught yesterday hiding in a stable loft. Hayes is a worthless negro. Rowlett was a man of good character.

NUNN, PROMINENT MAN, DISAPPEARS

One of Leading Citizens of Martinsville Mysteriously Absent From Home.

SELLS TEAM AND BUGGY

Leaving Ostensibly for Trip Through Country, Last Seen on Train.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) DANVILLE, VA., December 17.—Friends of W. R. Nunn, a prominent citizen, business man and churchman, of Martinsville, the seat of Henry county, are becoming anxious as to his whereabouts. He has mysteriously disappeared, and many wild rumors and theories are afloat as to what has become of him. Nunn is the proprietor of the leading tobacco warehouse of Martinsville, and it is generally known that he is heavily involved financially.

On last Monday he left home in a buggy and went to Franklin county. It was thought that he was engaged in a business trip through the country, but he sold the two mules and the vehicle he was using. At Rocky Mount he purchased a ticket for Roanoke, and the last seen

or heard of him he was on the train. About a mile beyond Roanoke several days ago, a railroad employe picked up a bunch of keys, which was identified as belonging to Nunn. The keys were lying beside the track, and through what cause is an absolute mystery.

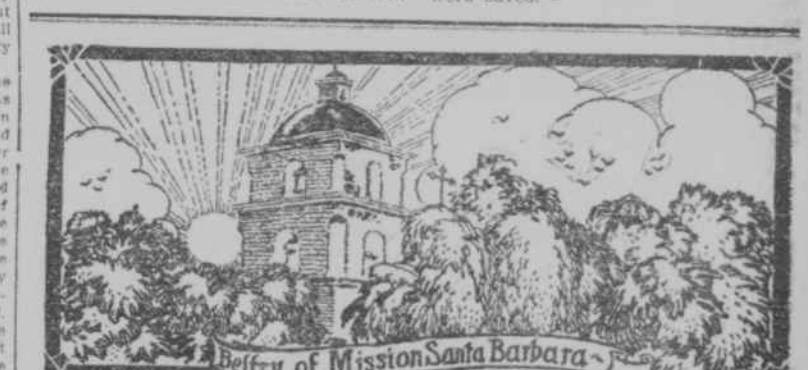
Nunn was an influential man of Martinsville, and is connected with the best people of that section of the State. He has for years been engaged in the business of warehouseman and tobacco dealer at that place, and served several terms in the Town Council. He was nearly sixty years of age, and leave a wife and seven children, most of whom are grown. They have received no information as to his whereabouts.

IN BAD HEALTH, IS DRIVEN TO SUICIDE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SOUTH BOSTON, VA., December 17.—Mr. Alfred A. Greenwood, a prosperous farmer of Vernon Hill, Halifax county, Va., committed suicide yesterday by taking Paris green, and also cutting his throat and arm. He died at 11 o'clock last night. Mr. Greenwood had been in bad health for several months, and this is the only reason that can be given for the rash act. He was forty-seven years of age, and leaves a wife and several children. He was well-known throughout Halifax, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Belgian Steamer Sunk.

DOVER, December 17.—During a heavy fog on the British Channel to-day the British steamer Arlington, 1,366 tons, collided with and sank the Belgian steamer Capibury, 65 tons, from Antwerp for Newport. Of Dungeness. Twelve of the crew of the Capibury were drowned, but the captain and five members of the crew were saved.



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